

# HOW·NI·KAN

## PEOPLE OF THE FIRE



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### A Rebirth

*This former church building, on land just south of the tribal complex, is undergoing renovation for a new mission. The tribe bought the property several months ago when it became available, and is remodeling it to house the Native American Center Of Recovery, a substance abuse program.*

## Tribe, hospital pursuing plans for medical clinic

A long-anticipated partnership between the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe and Mission Hill Memorial Hospital may become reality within the coming months.

Tribal and hospital officials recently made public plans for the hospital to sell a five-acre tract of land to the tribe, which hopes to construct a medical clinic there. The plans came to light late last month after Mission Hill's local advisory board expressed support for the plan which must have the official approval of the hospital trust authority.

That will apparently not be a problem, according to Mike Warwick, Mission Hill's attorney. Warwick said it was his understanding that the authority is "waiting for a firm proposal from the tribe."

Potawatomi tribal chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett Jr., who has long been interested in the future of Mission Hill, said that "our plans are preliminary at this point, but affiliation in some manner has been a desire of the Potawatomi Tribe for many years. If further study determines that our affiliation would help Mission Hill Hospital accomplish the goal of improved health care for the entire community, Indians and non-Indians, then we have great expectations."

The tribe is applying for federal funds through the Housing and Urban Development agency for possible construction of the clinic on the five acres just to the west of the hospital. That tract was purchased from the City of Tecumseh a few years ago for possible expansion, and like

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## Meeting questions prompt listing of tribal benefits

By Gloria Trotter

Members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's Business Committee took time to answer several questions from the audience at a recent meeting that also addressed ongoing legal issues, the new Burial Fund and inventory tracking at tribal enterprises.

The unscheduled question and answer session came at the quarterly meeting Feb. 21, where cousins Dale and Roy Wano were in the audience for the lengthy session. After working through several items of business, Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. left the agenda and asked the two if they wished to speak to the committee.

Roy Wano replied that they had some questions they wanted to ask. "We're concerned with all the new ventures acquired over the past 15 years," he said. "What has been spent to benefit the members? What has been started ... since acquisition of the new ventures?"

Barrett replied with a listing of several items, including the creation of the regional offices, doubling the size of the elderly food program since 1985, the five-fold growth of the WIC program, development of the Indian Child Welfare program, the tribal court,

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## Filing for 1995 tribal election draws near

The filing period for the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe's annual election is drawing near, which means that absentee ballots will soon be available.

Filing for the one Business Committee post and three Grievance Committee slots will

be March 27, 28 and 29 at tribal headquarters. Business Committee post #2, currently held by Hilton Melot, will be on the ballot, as will all three Grievance Committee slots.

Tribal members will also be asked to approve the budget for spending the interest on the

set-aside funds.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to those who have submitted properly completed applications (see form below) beginning in mid-April. Forms are also available at tribal headquarters and from Regional Representatives.

### CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI TRIBE

### REQUEST FOR BALLOT • 1995 ELECTION

In order to comply with the 1995 Election Ordinance, please fill out this form and return to:  
Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Potawatomi Tribal Roll Number:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION BY JUNE 5, 1995.



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Mission Hill board to include tribal representative

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the rest of the land on which the hospital sits, must be used for public or health purposes.

"Our intention is to construct a clinic and related health care facilities," said Potawatomi tribal administrator J.D. Colbert, adding that service might be made available to Potawatomi tribal members as well as other Indians and non-Indians in the Shawnee-Tecumseh area through third-party billing.

"We would also negotiate an agreement with Mission Hill for some services," Colbert said, "such as lab work, X-rays and maybe a special rate for in-patient care." The tribal clinic would be out-patient services only, housed in a two-story structure with direct care on the first floor and the second floor used to house tribal programs such as child welfare, substance abuse and others.

In addition to traditional clinic care, the first floor will house the tribal pharmacy, which will probably be expanded with the move. Also on the drawing board is a regional women's mental health clinic, according to tribal health services director Joyce Abel. "This would be a very professional program along the lines of a counseling center," she said, "open to anyone."

The clinic is part of the Potawatomi Tribe's move into

self-governance, a nationwide trend among tribes to contract directly with the federal government for services which in the past have been funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service. Many tribes believe they can better serve their members by providing such programs themselves. The tribe should have an answer on its grant application by about July,

Abel said.

Mission Hill's new administrator, Tom Honaker, is enthusiastic about the project. "More and more tribes are going to self-governance," he said in a recent interview. "We're looking at a strong affiliation." He said the project "is a classic example of two very concerned groups working with their constituencies."

Honaker, on the job only a

few weeks, is also looking to build the hospital's relationship with the community. Since the hospital was leased to Community Health Partners, made up of Brim Health Care and the Sisters of St. Mary, the county-appointed hospital authority board has had little to do. While that board will still make decisions about that lease and any land transfers, a new advisory board is taking a more

public role.

Currently six people serve on that board, Ed Schott and Michael Barry of Brim, Allen Harrison, Bobby Thompson, Dr. Sudhir Gupta and Dr. John Johnson. "We're going to expand that board to as many as 12," Honaker said. "We want to bring in some representation from Tecumseh, from the tribe, from our other constituencies."

## Pow wow emcee brings much knowledge to arena

A Meeker, Oklahoma, man with a wealth of cultural knowledge and experience will share his expertise with thousands as one of the two masters of ceremonies (emcees) at the 22nd annual Potawatomi Pow Wow June 23, 24 and 25.

Joseph W. "Jo-Jo" Rice, of Sac & Fox, Pawnee, Otoe and Potawatomi heritage, will share the microphone at this year's pow wow with Thomas Chibitty of Moore, Oklahoma, who will be introduced in next month's HowNiKan. The two will share the important responsibility of introducing and explaining pow wow activities to large audiences made of Indians and non-Indians of all ages and backgrounds.

The task will not be a new one for Rice, who as an Artist-In-Residence with the State Arts Council of Oklahoma has taught beadwork, given presentations and lectured on Indian culture throughout the state. Rice has also served in various staff positions in the dance arena, including emcee, head man dancer, head gourd dancer, arena director and coordinator of contests. He also contracts dance programs for different groups and organizations, providing a dance troupe made up primarily of family members.

Rice said he wanted to thank the Potawatomi Business Committee for asking him to emcee. "I will try to inform all visitors of the events, as well as keeping the spirit alive in the arena," he said. "I wish all participants good luck and hope they all enjoy themselves at the pow wow."



Jo Jo Rice

## Tribal members assured of access to almost all records

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Meals on Wheels, an expanded scholarship program, the tribal pharmacy, the summer youth program, facilities improvements, and, most recently, the Burial Policy.

That prompted Wano to ask if the "percentage required for the burial program is increasing. I just hear things back and forth ... it's time people sit in and hear what's going on." He was told that the new Burial Insurance Fund has prompted many new enrollments, which means that the number required to reach 75 percent of enrolled tribal members is increasing.

"What records are members allowed to see and what's hands off?" Wano then asked.

"You can see everything except enrollment folders," replied Barrett. "You have access to everything else ... just walk in and show your tribal enrollment card."

"I hear from others there are lots of things that are hands off," Wano responded. He added that he had heard

questions raised about "moving money around" among the enterprises. Barrett explained what funds could be moved and which cannot, and noted that often "we'd be crazy not to" move funds where they can do more good. Wano also asked about previous discussion about compact negotiations with the state. "We don't like them either," Barrett replied.

When the cousins had no further questions, Barrett said he and the Business Committee would try to keep tribal members better informed of accomplishments in recent years which benefit them.

Earlier, the committee had discussed in general terms tobacco and 3.2 beer compacts between tribes and the state, with the comment made that the tribe is "losing 25 percent on our cigarettes" because of its compact since "other tribes are not paying." Discussing whether the tribe should continue to fight such sovereignty battles in court, Barrett said there is "more motivation to fight than the bottom line."

"Where do you draw the line?" asked Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, noting the

high cost of the legal battles.

"If we don't stand up and fight them, they'll take everything we've got," responded Committeeman Hilton Melot.

The committee also made a slight change in the Burial Insurance Fund resolution, striking a phrase referring to "pro-

visions of probate" to make it easier to dispense the funds when the time comes (see page 3). They also approved minutes, new enrollees, and spent some time discussing improvements to inventory control in the tribal enterprises.

### TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 24, 1995. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 5, 1995. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as the election of Business Committeeman #2 and the three members of the Grievance Committee, will also be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

The filing period for candidates in the 1995 election is March 27, 28 and 29 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



# ENROLL TODAY!

## in the tribe's new Burial Insurance Fund

**RESOLUTION****POT#95-23**

**CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
A RESOLUTION CREATING THE CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIAN  
TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA BURIAL INSURANCE FUND**

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Tribe of American Indians with constitutional authority under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and the Thomas-Rogers Act of 1936; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, the largest of the Potawatomi Indian tribes, has, through a continuation of Potawatomi history and organized self government since time immemorial, sovereign powers inherent in tribal tradition and recognized by treaties with the United States and in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma Constitution and By-Laws provide that the Business Committee of the Tribe shall be granted the power to act on behalf of the tribe in all matters except those relating to claims or treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian tribe of Oklahoma wishes to alleviate the financial burden of its members and their families who pass out of this life by creating a Burial Insurance Fund; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that funeral expenses for enrolled tribal members in the amount of \$1,000.00 shall be made payable to the funeral parlor, undertaker and or burial service provider in the name of the deceased to be used to defray burial expenses. All members will be covered except those on active duty with the United States Military Forces. Tribal members must have enrolled in the burial insurance register to be maintained by the Director of Tribal Rolls. The enrollment must contain current name, address and Social Security number. Claimant acting for the deceased must provide a death certificate signed by the official of the reservation, state, county or municipality of the place of death or physician in attendance at the time of death. Upon receipt of the aforementioned information, the tribe shall emit a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the above mentioned entities. Payments under the fund will be appropriated from the general fund of the tribe and may be invested prior to payment for use of insurance payments for the benefit of the tribe. This fund will become effective January 1, 1995, for all enrolled tribal members deceased after that date or at the time of receipt of enrollment information of 75% of the enrolled members of the tribe.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned members of the Business Committee of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of Resolution POT#95-23, as approved on the 28th of November, 1994, with 4 voting for, 0 voting against and 1 absent.

John A. Barrett Jr.  
Chairman

Bob Davis  
Secretary/Treasurer

### *Almost one-third of members have sent in their registrations*

More than 6,000 tribal members have now enrolled in the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's Burial Insurance Fund recently approved by the Business Committee, but there's still a long way to go before the program can be implemented. And the number of registrations needed keeps increasing, since an unusually heavy number of new tribal enrollments are coming in as well.

Under the resolution approved by the Business Committee, the new program cannot go into effect until at least 75 percent of all enrolled tribal members have signed up for the program by returning the form below. **EACH TRIBAL MEMBER MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THESE FORMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE BURIAL INSURANCE FUND.**

Even if you feel that you personally will never use the fund, it is important that you complete an enrollment form so that the minimum 75 percent enrollment can be reached and others can benefit from it. Please see that each member of your family has completed a form and returned it to the tribe. Please feel free to make copies of the form below for that purpose.

At a recent meeting, the tribal Business Committee approved a minor change in the resolution authorizing the burial fund to make it more practical to implement once the required percentage as been reached. The phrase "with the appropriate provisions of probate taken" was deleted from the resolution. Committeemen were concerned that the phrase could cause delays in distributing the funds when they are most needed.

**Remember — at least 75 percent of all tribal members must have forms on file before the program can begin!**

## **BURIAL INSURANCE FUND ENROLLMENT FORM**

*This form must be completed and returned to the tribe to be eligible for burial insurance payment.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include Maiden) (Please Print)

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

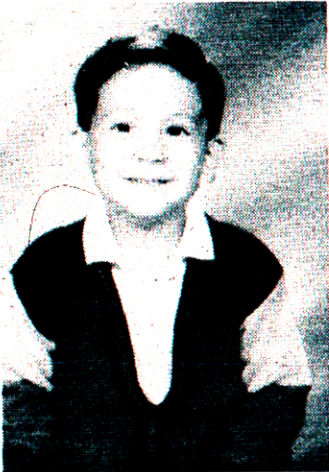
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send To: Tribal Rolls, Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians Of Oklahoma, 1901 Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawee, OK 74801**



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Walking on ...



### Bobby Joe White II

Bobby Joe White II, three-year-old son of Robert and Joie White of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1995, in an Oklahoma City hospital following a brief illness. His mother Joie is the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's longtime personnel director and court clerk.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Liberty Baptist Church in Shawnee with Dr. Dan Fowler officiating, assisted by Bill Matthews. Burial followed in Tecumseh Cemetery under the direction of

Roesch Funeral Chapel.

Bobby was born July 3, 1991, in Tecumseh to Robert Nolan and Joie Jan (Liscano) White. He had lived in Tecumseh since birth.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, Tara White of the home; grandparents Bobby Joe and Connie White of Tecumseh; grandmother Barbara McKosato of Tecumseh; and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

### Josephine Yancey

Josephine H. Yancey, 81, of Overland Park, Kansas, died February 27, 1995, at Olathe Medical Center. Mrs. Yancey born July 18, 1913, at Kansas City, Kansas, to Hattie Vieux and Charles W. Spalding. She was married in 1933 to Charles B. Yancey. He preceded her in death in 1990.

She is survived by her son, Brent Yancey of Mahattan, Kansas; three brothers, E.H. and Hubert Spalding of Kansas City, and Fred Spalding of Emporia, Kansas; two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Yancey, accompanied by her son Brent Yancey, had

attended the annual Pow Wow in Shawnee for several years.

*Provided by Fred Spalding*

### Genevieve O'Gee Richards

Sorrowfully I announce that Genevieve O'Gee Richards departed this Earthly abode for one far better on February 24, 1995.

Genevieve was born on December 27, 1915 in Maud, Oklahoma. She lived in Shawnee as the wife of Don Richards for fifty years. Don died in Beaumont in 1987, where they both had lived since 1958.

Genevieve was a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe, and carried the maiden name of O'Gee, one of the founding families of the Citizen Band people. Her family and friends will miss her until we meet again.

Genevieve was buried at Rest Haven in Shawnee beside her husband Don on March 1, 1995.

*L'Don Blackwelder*



## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

**By J.D. Colbert**

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

Through the Word all things have come into being.  
What has come into being, through the Word, is Life.  
Life that is the Light of Humanity.  
the Light shines in the Darkness  
and the Darkness shall not overpower it.

*-From the Gospel of John*

Bobby Joe White was born on July 3, 1991 to Robert and Joie White, the couple's second child. He came into this world weighing eight pounds, six ounces, and measuring 21 inches.

But he was much more than these numbers can describe. His birth was a blessing, a gift from God. Bobby's birth was a manifestation and an extension of the love, the bond that exists between his parents. It was through their love and union that Bobby was originally formed. The creative power of the Word blessed this union with the person we all knew as Bobby Joe White.

For the Whites, as for all parents generally, the birth of this child represented not only an extension of themselves as a couple, but Bobby embodied their fondest hopes that he would enjoy a rich, full life. At his birth, as with all births, it was the expectation that Bobby would proceed through the usual stages of infancy, toddler, young child, pre-teen, teenager and then into adulthood. The Whites knew that they were both blessed with his birth and that they were also charged with the sacred responsibility of Bobby's physical well being; to mold and guide his spiritual and personal development.

Tragically, for Bobby, his parents, family and for all those who knew him, these expectations will not be fulfilled. With his recent passing went the loss of the dreams and the promise of his attaining adulthood. It is said — correctly so — that the loss of a child is life's greatest injustice. One's children simply aren't supposed to precede one in death. It is a reversal of the natural order of things.

In times such as these, we must not only deal with the pain of the loss of a love one, but we also confront the question of why. Why was Bobby taken from us? Why must young, innocent children suffer and die? Why must the promise go unfulfilled? One cannot consider the passing of a child so young without regarding it as a great tragedy. Our modern day notions of fairness, of equity and of justice, demand that someone, or something, be held accountable for such tragedies. However, in instances such as these, who do we hold responsible? Who do we indict? How can justice be served?

There are, no doubt, many responses to questions such as these. I think, in truth, that we will never really know. I think that absolute certainty is evasive. I believe what that says is that we can only proceed on faith. For faith, true faith, actually begins where our knowledge, our certainty, ceases. Ultimately, it seems, we can only have faith in the will, the purpose and the design of our Great Creator.

While there are things inexplicable, there is much that we do know. We know that Bobby was indeed a blessing. He was God's angel on earth. Those who were privileged to be touched by his brief life spoke of his radiant and bright personality. He seemed to be the embodiment of sunshine. His presence brightened the lives of all who knew him. While we grieve at his loss, we rejoice at knowing that he is now in heaven with our Creator.

Bobby has walked on, yet he is not gone from us. He lives on in our memories, in the way he touched our lives and in the love we still have for him in our hearts. His light continues to burn brightly in our world and in our presence. His Light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overpower it.



## Helping Others

Fire Lake Entertainment Center once again played a major role in helping the needy during the Christmas holiday season when the center and its players made a \$5,000 donation to Operation Christmas. The local volunteer program provides food, clothing and gift items for families who otherwise would not be able to have a happy holiday season. Shown at the check presentation are, from left, Kresten Norholm, Operation Christmas treasurer; George Teafatiller, Fire Lake Entertainment Center manager; Buck Day, Operation Christmas chairman; and Vicky Goodnight, Junior Service League coordinator.



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## Southwest

### Bourzho Nikon,

The other day I was upstairs going through my daily chores when my four-year-old grandson came running upstairs calling "Nana, Nana come quick, I want to show you something. Quick Nana, quick it's breaking my heart!"

Well, at my age I don't really do anything quick but he kept insisting I follow him. "Run this way Nana," he would say, and he was leading me at a pretty good pace through the house and across the backyard, saying "hurry, hurry, it's breaking my heart."

Now he has seen the occasional dead bird or lizard left by our neighborhood cats, but I had no idea what was so important that I needed to see it. However I was prepared for just about anything. When I arrived where he was squatting on the grass, he looked up at me with excitement written all over his face — "Look Nana, isn't it pretty? It's breaking my heart." There in the grass was a cluster of desert weeds with a myriad of tiny flowers on them and they were beautiful, made more so because he was sharing a gift from Mother Earth with me.

How long has it been since you have been able to be so excited about a tiny flower or a bird flying free? Isn't it a shame as we grow older we become so involved earning a living and acquiring material possessions we forget to look for the beauty in Mother Earth and Father Sky? As you go through your day take the time to experience a sunrise and sunset, listen to the bird or watch them float with grace on the wind, and finally look at the tiny purple desert flowers in the grass. They could "break your heart."

After we admired the flowers in the grass, we were walking around the yard and noticed another little plant that had the same flower on it. I commented that the plants were the same. "Oh no Nana, my flowers are grass flowers; this one is only a weed!"

Now down to business: a few of you have contacted me for health and enrollment applications which are on their way to you. I also have enrollment forms for the burial insurance if you are interested. These forms and many others will be available to you at our picnic. Yes, we are having a picnic. The invitations are in the mail, and I do hope California will keep the rain on their side of the border that day.

Please try to attend the picnic and bring any crafts to show, not to sell; family histories; friends; your own picnic lunch and a dessert to share. We will have volleyball, horseshoes, three-legged races and a wonderful playground for the children. I feel this will be a great gathering that everyone will enjoy.

I've had some great chats with Lisa Baldwin in Colorado. It's been fun getting acquainted and I can't wait for Pow Wow! Thank you for the package, Lisa. Now if I could just find a quiet corner to read in...

My dear friend Susan Campbell has sent me some very interesting information. How nice it is to have people to care and want to share their knowledge with others. I hope I am able to return the favor. You know the best part of being your representative is getting to know all of you, my extended family.

I must close for now. I hope to see most of my southwestern extended family at the picnic and for those of you who cannot make it, you will be missed. Langston Hughes once wrote, "Never look for a worm in the apple of your eye."

Megwetch,

Philonise Williams

P.S.

Please don't forget to go to Morning Star next month you won't be sorry:

## SOUTH TEXAS

### Bourzho from Houston,

At the Star of the Republic Museum, at Washington on the Brazos, is the photographic exhibit "Moving the Fire." This fine collection of photographs examines the struggles of Native Americans to survive and retain their cultures following removal from their respective home lands to Oklahoma Territory. In the collection is a group of Potawatomi girls photographed at the school at Sacred Heart near Asher, Oklahoma circa 1900. Your grandmothers and mine, in those years, all went to school there.

Go see the exhibit if you can; it is a part of our history we need to know, and to remember well, and it has not been so long ago as we may think.

It pleases me to tell you the Native American Health Center so long worked for here in Houston by Intertribal Council and others is coming together, slowly, but coming. Instrumental in this effort is a Prairie Band Potawatomi from Mayetta, now living in Houston. I will tell you more about him in a later note.

Forty members of Intertribal left Houston this past week to dance in France, and will be in the country for a week. Included in that number was Rex Fremont, recently re-elected chairman of Intertribal. You may remember him as one of our speakers at last year's council meeting.

Have a good Easter holiday and remember we have changed our council meeting to May 6 because Easter falls on April 16 this year. Come to council.

Be good to each other.

Lu Ellis

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Bourzho from Merced,

Well, hectic is how the past month can be best described. There have been many calls associated with the meeting here this month, with our having RV parking at the Fairgrounds being a blessing this year.

As of this date we have had over 300 RSVP's for the meeting with many volunteers to set up registration, etc. We will have dancers and drummers as well as a full presentation from the Business Committee and Tribal Representatives.

There have been some of you wanting a schedule of pow wows in this area. I've been trying to get together a list of all in the Valley area as well as the state with a partial list at this time. Call the office and I will give you what I have.

There have been a lot of new registrations for this area also over the past several months. Be sure that you also send in the Burial registration form as soon as anyone is registered. I will have some of the forms at the tribal meeting on the 18th.

Don't forget that the applications for educational assistance must be filed in advance and don't wait until the month before school to get an application. I've had a lot of those last minute requests followed by disappointment.

If anyone has any language information that they would like to share, please send it to the office or to Norman Kiker in Shawnee. He is busy trying to set up a program for all our tribal members.

Well, this will be short as there are still many things to set up for the March meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting and remember to stay proud of your heritage and to pass it on to the children.

Megwetch,

Gary Bibb



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## WASHINGTON

### Bourzho From Washington State!

What a fantastic Regional meeting we had this year! Over a hundred of you braved the forecasted Artic front and joined us for good talk, good food, good information and good drumming and singing.

Again, I thank the members of the Business Committee who braved the Denver snow to make the trip, tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker who came early so we could discuss NAGPRA and scheduled meetings with the Pokagon Band, Shayshoshewa Westin for teaching us about medicine bags, Philonise Kulani for the beautiful centerpieces, Norma Whitley for handling the sign-in table and the excellent Drum who taught us and invited us in. Esther had some very choice items at her table so I hope you got to browse. And a special thanks to tribal members who came, for without you the Regional would be impossible.

I must confess I'm glad a sense of humor is part of being a Potawatomi. When you received your invitation this year you noticed that I invited you to meet our "new Tribal Chairman, J.D. Colbert." I apologize to all of you for the confusion. Rocky Barrett is our Tribal Chairman and does an excellent job with his office. I hope he continues on quite a few more years. J.D. is our new Tribal Administrator. I had a chance to meet him and talk with him during and after the meeting and know that he will do some good things for our Tribe. I formally apologized to both of them for my error and I won't even try to explain what happened (when I tried, Rocky looked at me with a "what did you say?" expression so I don't think I explain well anyway!).

I was asked if I would put the address of Minnetrista Center for Great Lakes Native American Studies (MCGLNAS) in the newsletter so contact MCGLNAS at P.O. Box 1527, Muncie, IN 47308. Membership is \$10 a year and brings you all their newsletters and workshop information (state your tribal affiliation please). It was a real eye-opener for me when I joined three or four years ago. The December 1994 issue had photos of our new bank, Esther and me in the museum and Connie Baker, Nick Clark, Keith Navarre, Mary Farrell and me in the Archives. Good issue!

Also, there was interest expressed in having an informal group meeting in the Olympia, WA area. If you would be interested, please call me and leave your name, address and phone number. You could be a genealogy group, eat out now and again, hold a small picnic, go bowling together — use your creativity and decide what you would like to do. That way you'd get to know other Potawatomi

in the area — and there's a few of you! Let me know if you'd be willing to "chair" the group.

And before I leave our meeting: thank you to Tim and Ivan Tarter for all their hard work moving boxes, unpacking them, then repacking and loading our car! We appreciated all your help.

I had such a neat surprise when I opened yesterday's mail I just had to share it. Keith Navarre has loaned me a copy of Skinner's *The Mascoutens or Prairie Potawatomi Indians*! It is fascinating reading — I could hardly put it down last night. Thank you for sending it on, Keith; I will treat it gently and return it.

Which reminds me. Did you know that the Vieux family is being honored at this year's Trail of Courage festival/rendezvous in Rochester, Indiana? This celebration seeks a Potawatomi family every year to honor. The family must have lived in the area or had ancestors on the Trail of Death. Or had close ties to the state of Indiana. While Louis Vieux didn't, as far as I can document, live in Indiana, his father-in-law Chesaugan did. The Tipton letters refer to his owning 8 acres of corn outside of Twin Lakes, the site of Menominee's village. Chesaugan also signed the 1832 Treaty at Tippecanoe and was on the Removal. So if you're a Vieux descendant, call Shirley Willard at the Fulton County Historical Society in Indiana (219) 223-4436 or give me a call and let us know of your interest. And if you have any other information on Chesaugan PLEASE send me a copy!

If you use Group Health Cooperative or the Seattle Indian Health Board for your health care, please call Jeannette Allen or Mac Silverhorn at (206) 223-3325; they are doing a study on chronic illness, traditional Indian medicine and the health needs of urban Indians and could use your help.

"Do you paint motorcycles?" I was asked when I answered the phone a few minutes ago. The young man finally determined that he had dialed the wrong number and we had a good laugh; he then said "Well, if you ever start painting motorcycles, give me a call!" On that note, we hung up. This is an example of the more humorous calls that come into my office. I do enjoy hearing from you so if you have a question or a comment, please give me a call. No, I don't paint motorcycles!

Please remember I will be out of town April 9-14 while attending the Women's Wellness Conference in Portland. I'll return calls the week after I get back.

I will close by wishing all of you a Blessed Easter and with prayers for Joie White and her family and Mary Farrell and hers. My love to you both — and to you all.

Susan Campbell

## COLORADO

Things are going quite well here in Denver. Winter has returned once again. Makes me wonder what happened to Summer and Fall.

I've been getting quite a few calls recently about name changes and enrollment forms. I think many people are realizing that spring is the season for awakening and therefore change. I really have enjoyed the conversations.

DIA is finally open. From what I've heard over the television, the new airport is running just fine. No baggage has been lost; so far the only serious bug located was the new airport didn't have enough walkways from the planes to the terminal. With the move completed, we are now out of the flight path of the local airport. So when the folks call me, we won't have to shout.

The time has come again for March Pow Wow here in Denver. From what I've heard from the grapevine this year's will be bigger than ever. I hope to be there once again this year.

I saw this poem recently in a book during my convalescence and I thought some of you might like to see it.

### NATIVE BLESSING

*Bless these, our circumstances.*

*Bless the hardship and the pain.*

*Bless the hunger and the thirst.*

*Bless the locusts and the drought.*

*Bless the things which do not turn out right.*

*Bless those who take all and give not.*

*In these circumstances, find growth.*

*In growth, discover clarity.*

*In clarity, an inner vision.*

Bright Blessings,

Lisa Baldwin

## OREGON

### Bourzho from Oregon:

To all my brothers and sisters that attended the 1995 Regional Meeting in Eugene, I want to express my pleasure at seeing each of you, and the fine attendance of 86 members. However, I found that I did not get around to talk to all of you as much as I would have like. It seems like the time just goes too fast.

Please remember that we have a toll free number that you may call me at the office at any time and if I'm not there, please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as possible. I know there must be questions that you would like to have answered, or just call to talk. That's why we have regional representatives, to be here for our members.

There was interest of having a picnic this summer, which would be fun, and we could have a little more one on one time. For those who could not attend, I want to let you know you really missed a good meal, and some information about our tribal grounds in Shawnee, and all the wonderful things Esther brought from Oklahoma. We had a lot of members that this was their first regional meeting. I hope they found it informative and interesting.

The "Wisest" (eldest) member present was Helen Atkinson from Lake Oswego, and the youngest member was Cody West. Cody is just over two months old. His mother is Shyloh West, and David West of Grants Pass is his grandfather. Cody was presented a cradle board from members of the Wasco tribe. The member traveling the farthest was Roger Nelson, from Boise Idaho, where they had a wonderful picnic last summer.

Door prizes were given away after lunch and we had a lot of fun with them. I do hope you are all looking forward to our next meeting, the Shawnee Pow Wow, election and meeting, which is the end of June, and our summer picnics.

Please remember to send your registration in for the Burial Insurance. This is free to all enrolled members, but you must sign up for it. Call me for information at 1-800-522-3744.

Megwetch,

Rocky Baptiste



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Bourzho from Pasadena!

I know it's still winter, but these glorious days between the storms sure do lead you outside. It's a pleasure to greet Grandfather as the first rays of light cut through the gray blanket that's been over us for days

... Almost time to get the gardens going again. The shovel and rake stare expectantly at me, and I stare blankly back. It's a standoff for now.

Just exactly when Winter ends and Spring begins in Southern California is written in the almanac. But those of us who've lived here know, that like fashion, the changes of season are largely a matter of opinion.

Waking in the morning, not knowing whether it will be a cool, wet day or warm and dry, challenges us and hones the senses. The evenings in this time are still cool enough to urge us home. The night's gift of sleep envelopes us in the warmth and security of family at rest. And at waking ... the circle is complete.

#### Announcements

April 8 the 7th Annual American Indian Job & Health Fair "Aim High in '95" will be held at CAL State LA, 5151 State University Drive, LA. Admission is free. Call if you think you might be of some service. These job fairs are important and well attended.

Red Road Learning Center offers free classes every Monday night 7-10 pm at the McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Sunland/Tujunga. Info: (213) 257-2246, Fern.

#### POW WOW INFO

April 7-9 the 3rd Annual All Nations Pow Wow at Antelope Valley College in Lancaster. Info: (805) 944-6055, Matthew Whitebear.

April 22 the 10th Annual Inter-Tribal starts at noon at the Sherman High School's Ira Hayes Stadium, 9010

## REGIONAL COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Only three Regional Council meetings remain on the 1994-95 schedule. These are the dates:

Texas (Dallas) ..... April 29, 1995  
Texas (Houston) ..... May 6, 1995  
Kansas City ..... May 20, 1995

Magnolia Drive, Riverside. Looks like a good one. Info: (909) 276-6339.

April 29-30 the Hesperia Recreation and Parks Department sponsors their 3rd Annual Pow Wow at Hesperia Lake Park, 7500 Arrowhead Lake Road, Hesperia. Info: (619) 244-5488

May 6-7 the 22nd Annual Cupa Days on the Pala Reservation near Riverside. Info: (619) 742-1590.

May 20-21 the 5th Annual Lake Casitas Pow Wow. Hey! Camping, fishing, boating, village, buffalo barbecue! This will be great! Info: (805) 496-6036.

June 2-4 the Four Moons Pow Wow in Fontana. Info: (909) 350-6709

#### And a few reminders

The American Indian Clinic still has a need for screen doors, air conditioning units, or swamp coolers. If you can help, please contact Linda Hawk at (310) 920-7227.

The Southern California Indian Center has a program for American Indian Elders/Senior Citizens the SCIC Triple AAA Elders Program in Los Angeles. Call (800) 262-6575

Los Angeles County Tobacco Control Program has a number of educational services available such as design and implementation of unique tobacco control programs. Call (213) 387-7810 or (800) 7-NO-BUTT.

American Indian Graduate Program at the University of California Berkeley is looking for appropriate candidates for graduate degrees in the School of Public Health (MPH), the School of Welfare (MSW), Boalt School of Law (J.D.), the Haas School of Business (MBA), Ethnic Studies, and Education to name a few. The deadline for appli-

cation is early January of each year. Candidates should have a GPA of at least 3.0 and have taken the appropriate tests (GRE, LSAT, GMAT, or MCAT). Financial aid is possible and should be pursued at the earliest possible time. Info: (510) 642-3228 Collect!

Southern California Indian Center/El Monte Outreach Office is now serving the San Gabriel Valley area 8 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at the El Monte Comprehensive Health Center, 10953 Ramona Blvd, Rm 2141, El Monte, Ca 91731. Info: (818) 579-8379 or (213) 728-8844.

Many Trails Indian Club has been reestablished and updated, with a new board of directors and policies. Info: (818) 842-9666.

Community Action. For American Women's Health (funded by the California Wellness Foundation) is sponsoring a series of FREE health education workshops on subjects including menopause, weight control, stress management, prevention of female reproductive cancers, alcohol abuse prevention, arthritis management, tobacco cessation, and diabetes prevention and control. Many services are provided, including transportation and child care. Info: Maxine Judkins (310) 920-7227 ext. 20

Free Baby Car Seats (Century) and Bicycle Helmets are available through the American Indian Clinic, Inc. You must be Able to prove that you're Native American (tribal ID card should do fine), attend a 45 minute class, and show your car registration (for the car seat). Info: Corinne Tanon or Jenard Lokin - Call Mondays from 8 am - 12 noon (310) 920-7227.

Elder Abuse Hurts Everyone! Elder Abuse Hotline (800) 992-1660.

Sacred Encounters, a new exhibit in the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles is open. It focuses on the Native People of the Rocky Mountains west (Salish, Flathead, other Plateau tribes) and the 19th century christian missionaries who came into their area. Similarities and contrast in Native versus Christian belief systems are highlighted.

Medical Services are provided at the United American Indian Involvement for American residents the first and third Wednesday of each month. Please contact the American Indian Clinic public health nurse at (310) 920-7227.

I Talk From My Heart - performances representing self-expression of American Indian Women Offers you an opportunity to share your stories, dance, songs among other Native people in the community. For info, write to: Baba Cooper, 409 N. Pacific Coast Highway #303, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

Senior Health and Peer Counseling is now offering Free Cancer Screenings including breast exams, pap smears, and mammograms for low income, uninsured, or under-insured women 50 years or older. Services provided in Lennox and Santa Monica. Call (310) 829-4715, ext. 2227.

American Indian International Chamber of Commerce is up and operating. If you own your own business, give them a call. 4040 30th st. Ste 202, San Diego 92104 (800) 260-8243, (local callers call information for number).

Legal Aid Services are now available from 12 pm to 5 pm, Tuesday and Thursday at the Southern California Indian Center, 2500 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 750, Los Angeles CA 90057. Info: (213) 387-5772

For information regarding employment with the Immigration Service, call Fannie Billy at (213) 894-4972

UC Riverside now has a Native American radio program every Thursday from 5-6 pm on station KUCR, FM 88.3. Info: Earl Sisto (909) 787-4143

The Eldercare Locator, a new information and referral service administered by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging designed to help identify community resources for seniors anywhere in the United States, is available to provide information on

services such as home-delivered meals, legal assistance, transportation, housing options, adult day care, home health services, and elder abuse prevention. Call (800) 677-1116 between the hours of 6 am and 5 pm.

The American Indian Clinic is still looking for volunteers. Call (310) 920-7227 between 8 am and 5 pm and ask for Linda Hawk.

The Southern California Indian Center, Van Nuys Office, located at 6309 Van Nuys Blvd. Suite 104, Van Nuys, CA 91401.

American Indian Housing Services telephone number is: (213) 353-6026.

If you would like to be a foster parent to an American Indian child, please call Indian Child and Family Services Southern California Indian Center, (213) 387-5772.

Native American Christian Worship Services are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday in our region. You're asked to bring a dish to share at the potluck that follows the service, and childcare is provided. For exact locations, call Reverend Buddy Monahan (Choctaw/Maricopa) at (310) 670-5076 (office) or (310) 643-5793.

American Indian Senior Center in Garden Grove is available to those 55 and older, it's a warm and friendly gathering place to make friends, share culture, enjoy a hot meal, and receive supportive services. Call (714) 530-0221 Monday - Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm for info.

Martial Arts Instruction is available to Native American people 18 yrs or older at no charge! The classes are held at Cal State LA and run from 6-8pm every Thursday night.

Pow Wow Dance workshop sponsored by the Southern California Indian Center, Inc., is available to American Indian Students (up through 12th grade). Included are traditional and fancy dance styles representing both Northern and Southern tribes. Also, included is instruction on regalia design and construction. The classes will be held on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles (site of our 1994 Regional Council meeting). Call (213) 728-8844 for more information. Ask for Phil or Ruthann.

Megwetch,  
Jeremy Bertrand Finch

## NORTH TEXAS

On Groundhog day I spoke with a lady in Pennsylvania and she assured me the groundhog did not see his shadow. Then just as we thought Spring was well on its way, March came in like a lion.

The American Indian Center of Dallas is planning their celebration of their new location on April 22. This is a well deserved celebration for them. A lot of people have put in a lot of time working for this day. Plan to attend and find out more about their work.

I had a "first of its kind" call this month. A woman called to find out more information about the tribe. Her reason is her daughter who is Potawatomi through her father. The parents are divorced and it now falls on the mother's shoulders to see that this young Potawatomi knows about her heritage. The

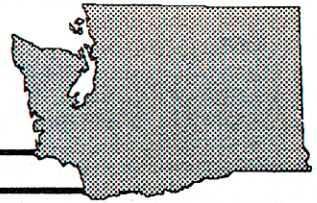
paternal grandmother enrolled the young lady and sends information about the tribe to her. This young Potawatomi is in junior high school. Her mother tells me she is an excellent student with a promising voice, and promises to send me some information about her accomplishments that I can include in a future article. I hope to see her at our regional meeting.

Your invitations to the Regional Meeting on April 29 should have arrived by the time you read this. I need a firm number, so be sure and call and let me know if you can come. Our meeting will not be as long this year so you should be able to block out enough time to come. Remember, April 29, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Marjorie Hobdy



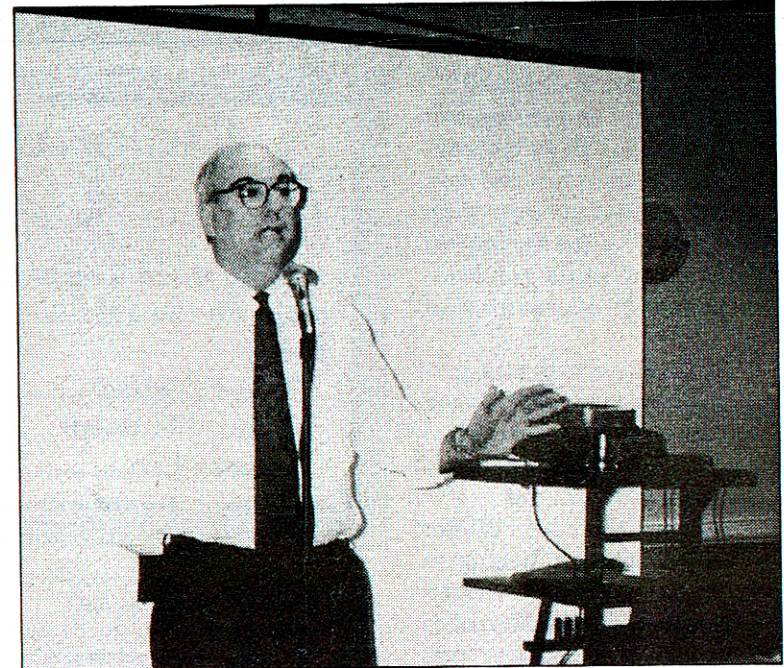
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Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. (left) and Chaplain Norman Kiker Found A Special Surprise in Seattle. Their Aunt, Willa Lou Snoey, Was at the Meeting.



Larry Briggs, President of First Oklahoma Bank of Shawnee, Outlines the Bank's Plans.



These Brothers, Left To Right, Are Paul, Bob, Andy and Henry Hernandez. They Are Grandchildren of Henry Rhodd.



Stephanie Webb of Seattle Visits with Committeeman Hilton Melot. She is the granddaughter of Helen Atkinson of Lake Oswego, Ore.



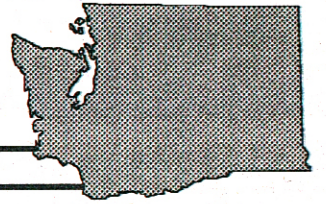
The Wisest Person at the Regional, 81-Year-Old SaVera Soelter of Kent, Wash., Visits with Chairman Barrett.



Philonise Kulani of Seattle is Shown with Committeeman J.P. Motley.



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*Dancers and Singers Produced an Interesting Program During the Afternoon Session at Seattle.*



Chairman Barrett Holds the Youngest Enrolled Member, 8-Month-Old Lydia Davison of Sumner, Wash.



Four Cousins: Mitch Navarre, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Joyce Bartram and Louis Navarre.



Chairman Barrett and Shay-Sho-Shewa Westin of Boise, Idaho. She Traveled the Longest Distance to Get to the Seattle Regional.



Susan Campbell, Washington Regional Coordinator, with Husband Eric. She Was a Busy Person that Weekend.



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Spring scholarship recipients listed

Spring semester scholarships have been awarded to the following tribal members:

Doris L. Aranda, Pueblo Community College, \$125  
 Mary C. Melot, East Central University, \$250  
 Joyce S. Mooney, Rose State College, \$250  
 Linda L. Nelson, Washburn University, \$250  
 Phillip Northcross, Sr., Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech, \$250  
 Diana Sue Parks, Kansas Newman College, \$250  
 Glenda K. Awtrey, Stephen F. Austin State College, \$250  
 Jama D. Cloke, Kansas City Ks Community College, \$125  
 Kandace Comeaux, Rose State College, \$125  
 Patrice M. Crowley, Pensacola Junior College, \$125  
 Kathy D. Easley, Murray State College, \$250  
 Eugene J. Flanagan, Jr., Missouri Southern State College, \$250  
 Porter Wesley Flynn, Northern Arizona University, \$250  
 Sydney G. Garcia, Western Career College, \$250  
 Shelly Kay Hobbs, Seminole Junior College, \$250  
 Robert Gene Rhodd, Southwestern College, \$250  
 Frank E. Schmidtkofer, Connors State College, \$250  
 Dee M. Schoemann, OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, \$250  
 Karen E. Smith, University of North Texas, \$250  
 Norma K. Thompson, Bakersfield College, \$125  
 Richard Scott Walker, Baylor University School of Law, \$250  
 Mickie J. Upton, Oklahoma City Community College, \$ 77.91  
 Jason R. Kilby, Western Oregon State College, \$250  
 John D. Baker, University of Central Oklahoma, \$250  
 Deborah DeLonais, Fallis East Central University, \$250  
 Karol J. Feldhake, American Indian College, \$250  
 Darrell D. Heck, Univ. of OK Health Science Center, \$250  
 David C. Maddux, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, \$250  
 Czarina A. Thompson, Rose State College, \$250  
 Jera Gail Collins, Mid-America Bible College, \$250  
 Echo Tescier, El Centro College, \$250  
 Ralph E. Davader, Topeka Technical College, \$250  
 Lisa C. Johnson, Daytona Beach Community College, \$125  
 Karen D. Whittington, Collin County Community College, \$250  
 Shirley Deatherage, Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech, \$125  
 Leisa K. Urrutia, George Mason University, \$250

## Angelo attends planning session

Ardeena Angelo, employment and training program planner and youth services coordinator for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's JTPA program, recently attended a meeting of the Oklahoma Indian Higher Education Scholarship Administrators Association.

The meeting was held at the Oklahoma University Health Science Center Library to plan the Tribal Education Contractors Association 10th national conference, set for the Century Center in Oklahoma City March 19-22.

Each tribe was asked to bring its tribal flag for display and have their tribal princesses come to a luncheon in traditional dress. Angelo volunteered to bring T-shirts to be used as door prizes at the convention.

Also discussed were Summer Youth Enrichment Programs. Angelo asked the other tribes to send her their guidelines for scholarships and grants.

## Williams ordained as Presbyterian deacon

Philonise Williams, Southwestern Regional Representative, was ordained and installed as a Deacon at Crosswinds Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Arizona on Jan. 8.

Karen R. Hopper, an Elder with the church said, "A deacon in our denomination should be a compassionate person. Even though Philonise has been a member of the congregation for a short time, her loving and caring nature is very apparent. This is why she was an obvious choice for the position of Deacon at Crosswinds."

Williams has been very active with the mission committee as well as assisting this year on the worship committee, and volunteers whenever possible to help the church and congregation. She resides in Arizona with her daughter and son-in-law, Tamara and Mark Yanke and two of her grandchildren.



## Sisters At A Picnic

*This photograph of the four daughters of Joseph Copaw, a full-blooded Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal member, and Elizabeth Ruby Riley, was taken Aug. 20, 1927, at the Osage Indian Agency picnic at Wolaroc Park in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. From left they are Mary Copaw (Clapp), Margaret Copaw (Tucker), Teresa Copaw (Smith) and Rose Marvel Colpaw (Baptiste). Elizabeth Ruby Riley Copaw was the daughter of Mary E. Hardin and John Riley. She later married David Bostic or Bostwick.*

## Vocational rehabilitation grant can help tribal members

Recently the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma received a grant from the Department of Education to provide vocational rehabilitation services to eligible Native Americans in the following seven counties: Kay, Lincoln, Logan, Noble, Payne, Pawnee, and Potawatomi.

Eligibility requirements include that participants must

be Native American between the ages of 18 and 55. Participants must also have a medically documentable disability with reasonable expectation that employment will result from training.

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma will have a representative from the Vocational Rehabilitation Program at the Citizen Band

Potawatomi Tribe Employment & Training office every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Tina Gregory, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, at (405) 547-5721 or the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe Employment & Training office below the tribes museum and gift shop.

## HOWNIKAN DEADLINES/ADVERTISING RATES

The deadline for political advertising in the HowNiKan is the same as the long-established and posted deadline for any articles, pictures or information for the tribal newspaper — the 5th of each month. Rates for political ads are also the same as for any paid advertising in the HowNiKan, as noted below. Each candidate was offered a free quarter-page ad in the April issue as provided for in the tribal election ordinance. All other political ads must be paid for by the person or persons placing the ad. Payment must be made to the tribal Director of Accounting before the ad can be printed. The editor of the HowNiKan, under the election ordinance, shall have final approval on contents of free and paid advertisements and shall review the contents for libel, slander and inaccuracy of facts with the tribal attorney.

### Deadlines:

April HowNiKan — April 5

May HowNiKan — May 5

June HowNiKan — June 5

### Advertising Rates:

Full Page — \$100

Half Page — \$50

Quarter Page — \$25



# Much more than just a golf course...

By Gloria Trotter

To Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal members, Fire Lake could mean the restaurant or the bingo hall or even the new bowling center. But when most people outside the tribe hear the name Fire Lake, they think of the golf course.

One of the tribe's earliest enterprises, Fire Lake Golf Course began as a dream and has become one of the state's leading golf courses, public or private. State championships are played there, country club members drive from Oklahoma City to play, and it is written up regularly in a variety of publications. More than any other single venture, Fire Lake Golf Course has established the reputation of the Potawatomi Tribe in the community.

Golf pro Mike Wood is justifiably proud of what has been accomplished. "We will host 82 tournaments this year," he said, "and that's really all we can do." The course is so booked up that it is beginning to be a concern. "When our regular players can't play, that causes problems," Wood said.

"We can't handle any more play than we've got," he said. "You have to have tee times Tuesday through Sunday. During peak season, we're full." He said 40-50 percent of the golfers at Fire Lake are from the Oklahoma City area — "They can get around 18 holes faster here," he explained.

Green fees are competitive, even after being raised last year. Fire Lake's \$10.50 fee is well

under the \$12.90 charged by metropolitan golf courses, he said.

This year's plum tournament will be the Lone Star Tour professional tournament. "They gave out \$870,000 in prize money last year," Wood said. The Lone Star is a five day event which will be played at Fire Lake in September, with a pro-am on Monday, practice rounds on Tuesday and qualifying rounds on Wednesday and Thursday. "They will take 30 or 35 players into Friday," Wood said, "with first place winning about \$15,000. It's the first time the tournament has been played in Oklahoma — we're getting a good name here."

The golf course will host the Oklahoma 3A state tournament for the fourth year, will welcome the 2A state regionals and for the first time will be the site of the 5A state qualifying. "This year will be as good as it's ever been as far as being in shape," Wood said. New equipment and meticulous attention to groundskeeping have helped make the course one of the best in the state. And that's an ongoing effort; a nationally-known turf agronomist from the Greens Section Advisory Service of the U.S. Golf Association is coming in May to evaluate the course and review plans for it. "He will analyze it hole by hole," Wood said.

Golfers working through the 18 holes may spot bird houses this year. Fire Lake is participating in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), a national program designed to help preserve and enhance the environmental quality of certain properties. Coordinated by the Audubon Society of New York State and sponsored in part by the U.S. Golf Association, the program is helping golf courses promote habitats for a variety of wildlife species.

Course superintendent Kelly Somner said that 30 nesting boxes will be placed throughout the course as part of the



Somner, Wood, Chesser Check Stock In Pro Shop

project. "The first stage is environmental planning," he explained. "We plan to work with high school biology classes, Scout groups and others in the community — that's a component of the program." They are also working with the state Dept. of Environmental Quality to monitor water quality, and Water Watch Oklahoma "will give us an annual report."

Part of the program is to look at chemical use. "The EPA is cracking down," Wood said, "and certainly we want to try to use better, safer chemicals." Bat houses are also part of the plan, they said, noting that the nocturnal creatures eat 1800-2000 mosquitos an hour.

"It's a way for us to do some good and take credit for it," said Somner. There are six stages of certification, he said, and Fire Lake is in the first stage. "We will be the first in Oklahoma, and there are only 32 totally certified courses in the country."

Part of Fire Lake's operation is the pro

shop, which handles top of the line equipment from all the major brands. "We don't inventory a lot," Wood said, "but we order a lot." Clubs can be ordered in two to five weeks, for instance. The shop keeps shoes, balls, gloves and other popular items in stock.

Fire Lake Golf Course, which struggled financially in the past, has "been making money for the last three years," said Wood, who took over as pro in May of 1991. Helping him at the course are seven or eight full-time employees and as many as 20 other part-timers during the peak season. Somner, in addition to serving as superintendent, is Wood's first assistant golf pro. Chris Chesser helps plan tournaments and handles ordering.



## Golf pro brought wealth of experience

Golf pro Mike Wood may be a local boy, but he brought top-notch talent and priceless experience with him when he came to Fire Lake Golf Course in 1991.

Wood, 34, grew up in Seminole, Oklahoma, and graduated from high school there, where he was 3A state golf champion and led his team to a state title as well. After attending Seminole Junior College and the University of Oklahoma on golf scholarships, he went to work for the renowned Jim Autrey, now CEO of the Professional Golfers Association and "one of the top five most powerful men in golf," Wood said.

As Autrey's first assistant, Wood worked with him at Dornick Hills Country Club in Ada, then considered the third best in the state. After that, the two "started the Trails Golf Club in Norman in 1982," Wood said. With that invaluable experience under his belt, he was persuaded to take the Fire Lake post in May of 1991.

A tribal member, Wood is tied to the tribe by more than his position as golf pro at Fire Lake. His wife Dee works in accounting, and his mother Connie Baker works at the new smoke shop in Tecumseh. Wood is also the father of Zack,

who will be four in August and lives with Mike and Dee. He is a member of the Vieux family and is proud that his great-grandfather was a first cousin to Jim Thorpe.

When he's not on the golf course, Wood loves riding and showing cutting horses, which he's been doing for about five years.

"I really enjoy it here," he said. "It gets better every year."



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The Youngest Enrolled Tribal Member Present Was Cody Williams West, 2 Months, Shown Here With Mother Shylo, a former Tribal Princess



Bob Trousdale, the Tribe's Assistant Administrator, Visits With Andy Burns



Rocky Baptiste, Oregon Regional Coordinator, Held a Great Meeting!



Committee Member Hilton Melot Poses with Maxine Baptiste. She Worked by Husband Rocky Baptiste's Side to Make the Meeting a Success!



Ruby Slay of Portland Had Some Good Questions



Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert Visits With David West of Grants Pass, Ore.



Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., Center, with Joe Schalles, left, and Jackie Taylor. Jackie and Joe are Cousins.



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*There Certainly  
Was Plenty of  
Good Food At  
The Regional  
Council in  
Eugene!*



Helen Atkinson of Lake Oswego, Ore., Was The Wisest At The Council.  
She is 84 Years Young!



Roger and Carolyn Nelson of Boise, Idaho, Traveled The Longest  
Distance To Join The Crowd In Eugene!

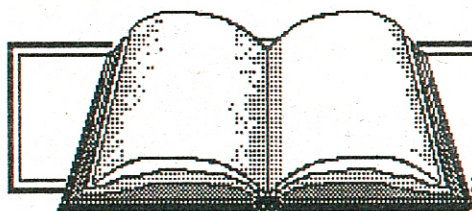


Commiteeman J.P. Motley Helps Esther Lowden with Gift Display



Cousins: Pat Hughes of Springfield and Regena Story of McMinnville





## For the record...

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 1994

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert, Grievance Committee Chairman Gene Bruno, Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell, Convenience Store Manager LaChresia Whitley, JTPA Director Norman Kiker, Bingo Manager George Teafatiller, tribal members and guests Todd Davis, Ruby Withrow, Mildred Flynn, Leon Bruno, Johnny Flynn, Stacey Smith, Veta Bruno and Barbara Brown; Tribal Police Officer Kent Dowell. Absent: Committeeman Jerry P. Motley.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Linda Capps moved to approve, with two corrections, the minutes of the August 25, 1994 Business Committee meeting; Hilton Melot seconded; passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Chairman John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #95-23 pertaining to a Burial Insurance Fund for members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe. Tribal members must have enrolled in the burial insurance register to be maintained by the Director of Tribal Rolls. The enrollment must contain a current name, address and Social Security number. Claimant acting for the deceased must provide a death certificate signed by the official of the reservation, state, county or municipality of the place of death or physician in attendance at the time of death. Upon receipt of the aforementioned information, the tribe shall remit a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the above mentioned entities with the appropriate provision of probate taken. This fund will become effective January 1, 1995 for all enrolled tribal members deceased after that date or at the time of receipt of enrollment information of 75% of the enrolled members of the tribe. All members will be covered except those on active duty with the United States Military Forces; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-24 changing the mandatory Business Committee meeting from Thursday, November 24th, 1994 to Monday, November 28th, 1994; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #95-25 approving payment of one hundred dollars for annual membership fees into the United Indian Nations in Oklahoma for the period July, 1994, to July, 1995 and subsequent years as deemed beneficial to member Tribes/Nations; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-26 authorizing the Native American Center of Recovery Consortium to contract services from Indian Health Service, and other funding sources and administer such programs; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Tribal member Leon Bruno requested copies of Resolutions #86-166 and #86-166A and also copies of the minutes of June 30, 1985 and July 8, 1985. The resolutions adopted administrative procedures allowing Dr. Francis Levier to function as Tribal Administrator giving him full authority to make necessary personnel changes and

suspending the current personnel policies. The minutes requested pertained to Resolutions #86-166 and amended Resolution #86-166A. Copies were made and given to Leon Bruno at the Business Committee meeting.

Bob Davis moved to appoint Norman Kiker as Tribal Language Liaison and to identify resources for a language preservation project; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve pre-payment of the golf course fertilizer bill with a saving of \$9,000.00; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to appoint Norman Kiker to attend a meeting at the Hannahville Tribal Center of the seven tribes of Potawatomis to discuss the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #95-27 enrolling 25 tribal members eligible for enrollment under previous guidelines; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-28 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #95-29 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #95-30 enrolling 325 descendency applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-31 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #95-32 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-33 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Bob Davis moved to approve resolution #95-34 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-35 approving the relinquishment of Linda Lee Prouty Atchavit who is also an enrolled member of the Comanche Tribe; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve last payment of \$125,000.00 on the bank loan; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve, in conjunction with the other Tribes, the Citizen Band Potawatomi tribe's interest in the CTSA building; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 absent.

Bob Davis moved to approve POTT ORDINANCE #95-37 enacting an Amendment to Civil Procedures Act relating to Foreign Judgments; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to adjourn Business Committee meeting; Bob Davis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

John A. Barrett, Jr., Chairman Bob F. Davis, Secretary/Treasurer



## A Potawatomi welcome to these new members

### ENROLLED UNDER PREVIOUS GUIDELINES:

Bruno, Delilah Josephine  
Bruno, Iza Alexia  
Bruno, Lester Clarence  
Bruno, Olympia Sanchez  
Bruno, Shelly Dawn  
Cooper, Marvin Lloyd  
Fleck, Elizabeth Ann Newell  
Freeman, Mary Jane  
Hammons, Dorothy Ann Bruno  
Hammons, Lora Lee  
Hosier, Lee Raymond  
Krouitil, Timothy Shantz  
Larkin, Mary Jane Stiffler  
McCauley, Timothy Quinlin  
McGuire, Donald Earl  
Simmonds, Robert Odgen  
Slippery, Fred Arthur  
Yott, Eugene Roy  
Ziegler, Carl Leslie

### DECENDENCY ENROLLEES

Adams, Aaron Drew  
Adams, Dawn Gail Benzel  
Alley, Sylvester  
Babb, Gabrielle Yvonne  
Babb, Garrett Don  
Baker, Audrey Loris  
Baker, Ronald Delaine  
Barnes, Kelsey KayLynn  
Baumfalk, Mark Earnest

Bielecki, Ryan Lally  
Blair, Brandon James  
Blair, Candace Elaine  
Blankenship, Amanda Paige  
Blankenship, Justin Clay  
Boeckman, Marissa Claradon  
Bressman, Morgan Pearl  
Brown, Jimmy Don  
Brown, Larry Charles  
Brown, Ronald Wayne  
Bruno, Henrietta Louis  
Bruno, Levi Carlton  
Bruno, Robert Leon, III  
Buettnier, Brian Edwin  
Buettnier, Lacy Danielle  
Buettnier, Landon Chase  
Burnett, Bradley Dean  
Burnett, Joshua Lenn  
Burnett, Lenny Ray  
Burnett, Nathan Kyle  
Burnett, Tabatha Nicole  
Burris, Savannah Rae  
Canterbury, Chad Harold  
Carey, Lacy Danielle  
Carey, Laura Renee  
Carganilla, Gregory Acosta  
Cooper, Mark Edwin  
Cooper, Michael Bradley  
Cooper, Michael Scott  
Cooper, Mitchell Harrison  
Cooper, Richard Scott  
Cooper, Richard Scott  
Coronado, Jared Nicholas  
Curtis, Marcie Jean

Curtis, Michele Lee  
Day, Nickie Nicole  
Dennis, Donald Gordon  
Dennis, Thomas Rand  
Dike, Justin Eric  
Dobbs, John Albert  
Dobbs, Shane Ramey  
Dobbs, Zachary Jerome  
Doty, Jeffery Wesley  
Doty, Todd Wayne  
Ellsworth, Tina Marie  
Featherston, Bryan Christian  
Featherston, Jennifer Elizabeth  
Featherston, Steven Tyler  
Franklin, Lucas James  
Franklin, Rebekah Sheila  
Fream, Lori Dawn Cowdrey  
Fream, Matthew Thomas  
Fream, Ryan Edward  
Freeman, Dalton Wayne  
Goyer, David Galen  
Greenwalt, John Ross, II  
Hamilton, Michael Wayne  
Hansen, Kaci Lynn  
Hansen, Shane Christopher  
Hansen, Tanner Jay  
Hardin, Savannah Rae  
Hardin, Zachary Stewart  
Haskell, Benjamin Eugene  
Haskell, Jacob Karl  
Haskell, Jay Harvey  
Haskell, Jennifer Renee  
Hubbard, Tanisha Star

Hudgins, Lacey Nicole  
Hunt, Evan Lynn  
Hunt, Rocky Lynn  
Jaquez, Christina Marie  
Jaquez, Raymond Anthony  
Jaquez, Raymond Anthony  
Jennings, Anthony Dean  
Jennings, Richard Craig  
Johnson, David Paul  
Jordon, Railey Nicole  
Kime, Jeffrey David  
Kime, Samantha Kaye  
Kreeger, Colt Dewayne  
Kreeger, Kyle Allen  
Krouitil, Daniel Edward  
Krouitil, Jean Marie  
Laffoon, Kevin Shane  
Laffoon, Shawna Michelle  
Lane, Heather Ann  
Lightner, Darrell Wayne  
London, Hunter Alexander  
London, Lauren Elizabeth  
Longstaff, Samuel Lewis, II  
Lowe, Kylie Brie  
McCleskery, Alex Wayne  
McGuire, Alan Joseph  
Macias, Kerri Jo  
Martinez, Jeneice Frances  
Mayhew, Justin Dwayne  
Mayhew, Valinda K'Dawn  
Melot, Alan Shawn  
Melot, Haylie Michelle  
Miller, Hayley Nicole

Miller, Jason Aaron  
Miller, Nathan Louis  
Murphy, Robert Herman  
Navarre, Duane Michael  
Neely, Jeremy Todd  
Neely, Justin Tremain  
Peck, Angela Yvonne  
Pecore, Amanda Jill  
Pecore, Andrew Edward  
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Ray, Charles Patrick  
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Rennie, Austin Chase  
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Rhodd, Timothy Braxton Jason  
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Robison, Brandon Lee  
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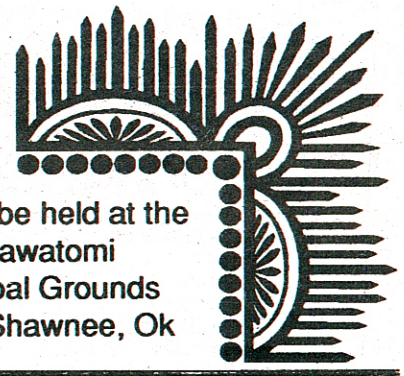
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Stone, Ronald Dylan  
Stone, Tiffany Jo  
Strong, Brandi Lynn  
Studebaker, James Lee  
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Thompson, Lindsey Nicole  
Thompson, Whitney Marie  
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Trader, Kyrin  
Vanover, Teresa Lynn Baumfalk  
Wagner, Megan Kateri  
Wallace, David Anthony  
Washburn, Candace Ruth  
Washburn, Rachel Catherine  
Washburn, Sarah Joy  
Wayman, Laurie Ann  
Weatherford, David Allen, Jr.  
Welch, Ronald Lee  
Whitaker, Opal Gene  
Williams, Jay Michael Edward  
Williams, Salena Gail  
Williams, Skyler Paul Ann  
Willmetts, Leslie Wade  
Willmetts, Wendy Lynn  
Wilson, Anthony M.





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Traditional-Grass  
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3rd.....\$900  
4th.....\$500



**SENIOR LADIES**  
Cloth-Jingle  
Buckskin-Fancy  
1st.....\$1000  
2nd.....\$700  
3rd.....\$400  
4th.....\$200



**JUNIOR GIRLS**  
Cloth-Jingle  
Buckskin-Fancy  
1st.....\$500  
2nd.....\$300  
3rd.....\$200  
4th.....\$100



**JUNIOR BOYS**  
Straight - Fancy  
Traditional-Grass  
1st.....\$500  
2nd.....\$300  
3rd.....\$200  
4th.....\$100

**GOLDEN AGE MEN**  
All Categories  
1st.....\$500  
2nd.....\$300  
3rd.....\$200



**DRUM CONTEST**  
Northern & Southern  
1st.....\$1500  
2nd.....\$1000  
3rd.....\$700  
4th.....\$500



**GOLDEN AGE WOMEN**  
All Categories  
1st.....\$500  
2nd.....\$300  
3rd.....\$200

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Southern Drum.....Berky Monossey - Shawnee, Oklahoma  
Head Man Dancer.....Michael Kidder - Weatherford, Oklahoma  
Head Lady Dancer.....Estee Tallbear - Konawa, Oklahoma  
Potawatomi Pow-Wow Princess.....Ginger Schmidtkofer  
Host Gourd Clan.....Cedar Lodge





# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Tribal member helps level playing field for Indian businesses

By Gloria Trotter

Indian-owned businesses should have a much easier time working out government contracts in the future, thanks partly to Gene Bruno, tribal Gaming Commissioner and a member of the Potawatomi Tribe's Grievance Committee.

Bruno, president of Alko Enterprises of Oklahoma City, spent many months as part of a task force of made up of Native American vendors, Indian Health Service representatives and others working out new guidelines for the federal government's Buy Indian policy. Their work paid off early last month with the Dept. of Health and Human Services issued a new "Interim Buy Indian Policy" to be in effect while new regulations are being formalized.

The new memo "brought Indian preference to the top," Bruno said in a recent interview. "Before, we were at the bottom. They could buy from federal supply, government stores and other sources before us." Bruno said that under the Buy Indian Act of 1910, Indian-owned businesses "were supposed to be" the first choice, but it hadn't worked out that way. His hospital supply

distributing business was only one of many which felt it wasn't getting a fair shake.

"It makes them do what they were supposed to be doing," said Bruno. The new memo will clarify the policy for the contracting officers, he said, and should "help Indian businesses get started."

The memo, dated Feb. 7, states that the new policy "is designed to provide American Indian and Alaska Native firms with the broadest opportunities for doing business with the IHS." Before, regulations required that firms be 100 percent Indian-owned. The new memo allows contracting with firms that are at least 51 percent Indian-owned if there are no 100 percent firms available.

The memo also requires contracting officers to bypass the procurement process (soliciting bids) if there are two or more "Indian enterprises capable of satisfying the requirement" and even allows "broad discretion" to do so if there is only one Indian firm that can meet the requirements. Bruno termed that change "a real advantage" for Indian-owned businesses. The memo states flatly that "Awards to eligible Indian firms will be the

preferred source, preceded only by agency inventories."

The memo also calls for establishing procedures for certifying Indian firms and for handling protests.

Bruno, whose company's business is primarily with the government, was asked to

serve on the task force by a Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization specialist he's worked with. He said the group "fought through it — it's been very hard." The new policy is "a thimbleful of what they should have been doing," he said, but should help many

like himself.

"There are probably a lot of Indian — and Potawatomi — businesses out there who haven't done business with the government because it's so hard," he said. "It should be easier now."

### Arts festival set in Shawnee May 1-3

The National Native American Very Special Arts Festival will be held in Shawnee May 1-3 at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center. The 1995 festival theme will be "Spirit Weavers," and will service 1,000-2,000 children and families from all over the nation including student delegations from Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools in and out of Oklahoma. Tribal grants will also be available to schools in Oklahoma to encourage Native American students to attend.

The concept of the festival is the opportunity for children and adults with disabilities to both showcase their achievements in the arts and to be exposed to new experiences in the visual and performing arts — has made these events unique and valuable contributions to the goal of successfully integrating persons with disabilities into the mainstream of our society.

A variety of arts related activities are being planned for the event which will be held at the Expo Center. Festival organizers are seeking volunteer support from area schools, churches, and local groups to help with the event. Volunteers will be needed for everything from food services to "hands on" arts workshops to manning first aid and information stations. Anyone wishing to volunteer should call the Shawnee Chamber for details at 273-6092.

### MOTELS IN THE SHAWNEE AREA

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Econo Lodge, 5107 N. Harrison (405) 275-6720  
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# IN YOUR OPINION

## Reader tells tribal members about writing, storytelling group

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to let you know I enjoy reading the HowNiKan. I would like to share some information with our people. There is an organization called Wordcraft Circle. This is a group of writers and storytellers that has grown to include members from all parts of Turtle Island, from Alaska and across Canada and even to Guatemala in Central America.

This is to provide opportunities for beginning and emerging Native writers by linking them with established, published Native writers. As a member on the apprentice level, I have been assigned a mentor who gives me valuable feedback on my work and provides professional advice on submitting for publication. This organization is for anyone who shares a passion for writing and wants to see their work published.

Whether you are at the beginning level or the professional level, there is a place for you and your individual talents to bring the emphasis on Native traditions and Native literature to all people. There is a list of upcoming 1995 conferences scheduled throughout Turtle Island in the Moccasin Telegraph. This is a publication of Wordcraft Circle by the editor and founder, Lee Francis. These conferences are open to Native and non-Native writers and storytellers. Anyone wanting more information regarding this organization may contact Wordcraft Circle, 2951 Ellenwood Drive, Fairfax, Va. 22031-2038 or call (703) 280-1028. By the way, this vision grew out of the Returning the Gift: A Festival of North American Native Writers that was held in Oklahoma in 1992.

Thank you,

Lela Northcross Wakely  
Chandler, Oklahoma

### Chaplain responds to Depel letter

To The Editor:

Dear Ms. Depel,

Thank you for your comments in the HowNiKan concerning the removal of Potawatomi and Chief Shipshewana. I must admit you are correct regarding the Potawatomi being brought to Menominee's village and they

were forced to begin the journey from that point.

I did contact Shirley Willard at the Fullton County Historical Society. She said that Potawatomi from approximately a 30 mile distance were rounded up and taken from their villages to menominees, twin lakes area. However, it is believed that Shipshewana's people went on a later removal possibly that same year, but documentation isn't available at the Historical Society to verify that.

I don't know if Shipshewana went to Kansas on the next removal. I would like to know. It is a bit confusing; possibly one of his descendants could offer clear evidence. Generally speaking the journey began when the Potawatomi were rounded up from various villages. The decision had already been made prior to consulting any Potawatomi people as to their fate.

The roster of removal shows a Pep-pee-na-wah; your article read Pepinawah, I think this could be the same person. Also I found Blackwolf but no mention of Notawkan or Rattlesnake.

By the way, Mrs. Willard commented that you were very well read and knowledgeable in our history.

Obviously there are many points concerning our history that are debatable; however, I chose to listen and seek as much truth as I can concerning our history from people like you. Thank you for sharing your understanding of our history. Please write to me if you have more to share and I promise to listen and learn.

Sincerely,

Norman Kiker  
Tribal Chaplain

### Writer has ideas for HowNiKan

Dear HowNiKan:

I remember reading the HowNiKan with my parents over fifteen years ago. I appreciated the knowledgeable things the HowNiKan gave me. I wish I would have saved all of them. I remember reading recipes and when you did a series on the translation of our native tongue.

I now have children of my own and yearn to teach them our native ways. The problem

is I don't know very many of them myself. I know there are books to inform me of our traditions, but I would enjoy learning them with my children in a fun way.

I have a suggestion for my (and maybe many others) dilemma for the quest of our ancestry. I think it would be special if our paper included a kids corner. The page could include a native game for families to try. It could also include one of our many fables written in an easy to understand and enjoyable format. It could contain a few words of the month in our native language that the families could substitute in their vocabulary that month. For example Kan would be used for the entire month for fire in our tribal families.

I feel this kids' page could benefit many tribal members of every age. I know our children are the future of our tribe's existence and if we don't teach them the traditions of our people a lot of our heritage will be lost. Books are not enough; we need to live them with

actions.

America is not only baseball, apple pie, and mom. America is us, "The Native Americans," and killing off our practiced language, traditions and rituals is as bad as killing all the bald eagles. You are welcome to make any changes in this letter.

Yours truly,

Jaime Kennedy  
Murphys, California

### Rhodd family information sought

Dear HowNiKan,

I am looking for information on the Rhodd family. My husband, Troy Rhodd, is a tribal member and I have been putting together geneology information on our families. We have very little information on his father's family.

We would very much appreciate any information that you or your readers may have for us. My father-in-law is Clinton Rhodd, son of Loe Rhodd.

Please send information to

Troy & Jennifer Rhodd, 2426 Charolais Ln., Manhattan, KS, 66502.

Thank you,

Jennifer Rhodd  
Manhattan, Kansas

### Writer enjoys reading HowNiKan

To The Editor:

My name is Nadine DaSilva. My step-father, Max Kennedy, is a Potawatomi Indian. Even though I am not an Indian, I still learn a lot from your newspaper. My step-dad also enjoys it.

I really do not know that much about Indians, but each month I learn a little more about Indians, due to your newspaper!

My dad and I also enjoy the unknown photos you often have in your newspaper.

I would like to tell you and your newspaper staff to keep up all the good work!

Nadine DaSilva  
Burns, Kansas



## Your health...

What is FAS and what are its implications for education?

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is the name given to a group of physical and mental birth defects resulting from prenatal exposure to alcohol. It is estimated that at least 4,000 to 8,000 infants are born with FAS in the United States each year. FAS is the leading cause of mental retardation in the US today and is totally preventable.

It is unknown how much alcohol can be consumed throughout the pregnancy to cause FAS, but it is known that alcohol consumption during pregnancy does affect the baby.

There is no "typical profile" of a drug exposed child, and as such each child must be educated as an individual with particular strengths and vulnerabilities.

Teachers who are faced with children with FAS can follow some guidelines within the classroom. They are:

1. **Respect** — do not make unrealistic demands and

maintain predictability.

2. **Routines and Rituals** — children with FAS tend to have difficulty with memory. Providing continuity and reliability through routines and rituals and scheduling can provide structure and over time strengthen a child's self-control and sense of mastery.

3. **Observations and Assessments** — skill acquisition in all areas of development does not constitute an adequate assessment of the child's progress. The manner in which a child uses these skills during play and transition times is equally important.

4. **Flexible room environment** — children need a setting in which material and equipment can be removed or modified as needed, thereby decreasing extra stimuli.

5. **Transition time plan** — Make the transition time seen as an activity in and of itself to prepare the child to cope with changes.

6. **Adult-Child Ratio** — Children at risk need a setting

in which adult-child ratio is high enough to promote attachment, predictability, nurturing, and on-going assistance in learning appropriate coping styles.

For more information regarding education and the FAS child, please contact Joyce Abel, Director of Health Services.

### Clark earns post

Fred Clark of Anchorage, Alaska, has been appointed tribal government liaison officer for the Chugach National Forest. Clark, an enrolled member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe, also works as an archaeologist for the forest. He has 19 years of experience in archaeology, and cultural and heritage issues. He holds a master's degree in anthropology and public administration from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Clark is the son of Bernice Nugent Clark, descendant of Julia Navarre Bruns.



# POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK

## Looking back: payday for the Potawatomis

The following article was donated to the Archives by tribal member Keith Navarre of Texas. Mr. Navarre got the article from the Waubunsee/Pottawatomie County Regional Library in St. Mary's and was taken from *The St. Mary's Star* dated Thursday, Oct. 2, 1941.

It's a very interesting story, written 71 years ago about one of the big, uproarious days in the civil life of old St. Mary's Mission—"Pay Day for the Indians."

The article is taken from the *Daily Kansas State Record* published in Topeka on October 30, 1870, just a year after the mission was incorporated as a village and four years after the coming of the railroad.

The story in full was reprinted in the *Kansas Historical Quarterly*, published by the state historical society.

The Indian agency building described in the article still stands on the west bank of College Creek, within a stone's throw of the Oregon Trail monument.

The payment of the Pottawatomies to which so many persons of both the white and colored "persuasion" have looked forward with anxious interest, has been in progress since Thursday, and yesterday the whole arrangement was interviewed by our reporter.

Indian payments are an old story in Kansas, and there are few, if any, of the old settlers of the state who have not at one time or another witnessed one. To a newcomer, however, the scene of one of these periodical "settlements" of the government with its interesting "wards" generally possesses the charm of novelty, and even a written description may be of interest to those whose misfortune it is to live outside the limits of this state, and who have never seen the Indian even in his naturalized and domesticated condition.

The scene at St. Mary's Mission on Saturday, the 29th of October, 1870, was probably one of the most utterly forlorn,

dismal and miserable spectacles ever witnessed. It had been raining since Friday, as it only can rain in what some fool or other has called this "drouthy country", and the one long street of St. Mary's, which is as yet innocent of sidewalks, was a swamp trodden to black, slimy stickiness and nastiness by the feet of men and horses.

The place of payment was the old government agency, near the Catholic mission buildings. The agency is a one story edifice, built of stone, and once made some pretensions to comfort and taste. It undoubtedly cost our benevolent Uncle Sam money enough to possess both, but the picket fence has been broken down, the fancy cornice is destitute of paint, and the premises generally bear an air of decay. The two low dirty, smoky rooms were devoted to the business of payment. In one of them Mr. Williamson of the Interior Department, the paymaster, had his station. The other was occupied by the paymaster's clerk Joseph Napoleon Bourassa and Lieut. Hipple of the 3d artillery in command of the guard of ten men from Ft. Riley. The rest of the space was occupied by the white men traders, and others, having demands against the Indians, and Agent Morris.

Louis Vieux, familiarly called "Chief Louis Vieux," stood in the doorway acting in the capacity of marshal, crier and sentry.

The method of payment is similar to that adopted in the army and the presence of the young lieutenant in his smart uniform, and of the "boys in blue" standing about, served to keep up the resemblance. The name of the person to be paid was read from the various rolls by various persons, till it finally reached Mr. Vieux, who sang out from the door with a "long, loud and exceedingly bitter cry," and with fearful emphasis on the last syllable: after which the person called if present and sober, appeared and received his or her money. Generally some question arose

about the administration of estates and other legal matters which occasioned a dialogue in French, English and Pottawatomie, until everybody was satisfied. The party to be paid generally "stuck out" the controversy without betraying the slightest interest as to its termination.

While this was going on, the "wards" male and female stood, sat and lounged around in the partially inclosed mud-hole formerly the agency yard. The women squatted around the fence in the mud, with their shawls and blankets over their ears, and the papooses submitted to the pitiless rain with Indian silence and fortitude, instead of manifesting their feelings by kicks and screams like white babies.

Among those in attendance was Maj. W.W. Ross, who has been for years more or less connected with the Pottawatomies in their business with the government. From him we learned that the sums paid each person on the pay-roll was \$688, in the aggregate about \$500,000.

The amount paid to some families reaches, it is said, as high as \$5,000. Of course much of the money passed immediately into hands of traders downtown and others having accounts against the Indians, but Maj. Ross gave as his opinion that the Indians carried away more money for themselves than is generally believed. All present having unsettled accounts against the Pottawatomies gave them credit for being faithful to their obligations. One gentleman having \$5,000 "out" among the tribe, said he had never in a single instance been refused payment.

Getting tired of the rain and the mud, and the squaws and the ponies and the papooses, our reporter left the tumble-down agency and went over the mission proper, where he saw Father Ward who is at the head of the institution. The good Father, with the intelligence and politeness which everywhere characterizes the Jesuits, answered every inquiry,

and gave some interesting particulars concerning the past history and future plans of the mission. Unlike the Catholic missionaries among the Osages, Father Ward expressed the belief that there is such a being as an adult Christian Indian. Many of the Pottawatomies he considered excellent Catholics, devoted to their religious duties and exemplary in their conduct. The Indian youth, he said, were as capable of acquiring knowledge as white children, and many of them evinced remarkable capacity.

Leaving the gardens and neat buildings of the mission which had an art of comfort even in this miserable weather and going up the main street of the town was a trying process and one rather calculated to try one's belief in Father Ward's hopeful view of things. Numerous Indians contrived to get possession of whisky and were consequently miserably drunk. Unlike his white brother, the Indian never gets "happy." Whisky only makes him melancholy and "cursed" and if ever a pitiable object presented itself to human gaze, it was these "sons of nature," plunging and wallowing in the fathomless mire, cursing and swearing after a fashion known only to themselves. Some of them lost their recently acquired money in the mud and in one instance a \$100 bill was fished out of the middle of the street.

The town was full of traders in every description of merchandise, Topeka being liberally represented. The "gay gamboliers" were also present in force, and horsemen were on hand in readiness to make their pile on the contemplated Sunday races, but the rain had driven everybody except the Indians indoors and spoiled the race course. At six o'clock Saturday evening the prospects for sport in St. Mary's were dubious.

The ride home was accomplished in a dimly lighted caboose attached to a freight train of interminable length.

## POTAWATOMI WORD LIST

abési na clam. pl. abésiye	azhgas ni small bridge. pl.	bbambetot vai run around.	bbetot vai run somewhere.	bgan ni nut. pl. bganen* (W)	bigébtot vai be exhausted
(W)	azhgasen* (W)	pres. nbebambeto (H)	pres. nbebtoto (H)	bgejwébnat vta let go of s.o.	from running. pres.
abdék av of necessity. (W)	azhgen ni bridge. pl.	bbamgwak vai fall out of bed	bdegdek vii be somewhere.	pres. nbejwébnat, nde-	nbigébtoto* (H)
agem ni snowshoe. pl.	azhgenen* (W)	in one's sleep; sleep-walk.	pres. bdegde (H)	bgejwébnat (H)	bigé-yekwzet vai be ex-
agmen* (W)		pres. nbebamgwam (H)	bebgeshek vai pitch and fall.	bgwe ni dust; ashes. loc.	hausted. pres. nbigé-
agmosét vai walk in snow-	bama av wait!; later. bama pl	bba-winabogdagét vai go	pres. nbebgeshen* (H)	bgwik* (W)	yekwez* (H)
shoes. pres. ndagmosé (H)	later on. Bama gge-	around dirtying water. pres.	bégodé ni maple sugar taffy.	bidgebtot vai run in. pres.	bigshkat vai be broken, be
ahaw ij OK. (H)	wabmen. See you later.	nde-bba-winabogdagé,	pl. bégodéyen* (W)	nbigébtoto (W)	worn out. pres. nbigshka,
amo na bee. pl. amoyek* (W)	(W)	nbeba-winabogdagé (H)	bégwzvat vta dry s.t. (an.) by	bidgéjé'ek vti roll s.t. in. pres.	bigshké (H)
anet av some. (W)	bashkzegen ni gun. (H)	bbekwése vii be loose. pres.	heating it. pres. nbégwzwa	nbigéjé'an* (H)	bigshkek vai break s.t., wear
anwe av in spite of things. lw	baskzegen ni gun. (H)	bbekwésen* (H)	(W)	bidi na chicken. pl. bidik* (W)	s.t. out. pres. nbigshkan
je anwe. I'm OK. (W)	bbamadgat vai swim around.	bbeshk- pñ bald, hairless.	bémadzet na person. pl.	bigdebéshek vai fall and	(H)
ayanet av some number, some	pres. nbebamadga, nde-	bbeshk-m'wé 'lion' (H)	bémadzejek* (W)	break one's head. pres.	binnagwek vii be clean. pres.
or other. (W)	bamadga, bmadgé (H)	bbeshk-m'wé ni lion. (H)	béshoch av near. (W)	nbigdebéshe* (H)	binnagwet* (H)



# INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

## Oklahoma tribes tell BIA to leave area office in state

(From an Associated Press story in *The Shawnee News-Star*, Jan. 28, 1995) — Oklahoma Indian tribes made it clear recently that any streamlining of the Bureau of Indian Affairs better include an area office in Oklahoma.

They did not, however, say where in Oklahoma that office should be, and reserved the right to comment later on an option they hadn't examined yet: eliminating all area offices.

The BIA has 12 area offices, the middle-management link between 83 agencies and BIA headquarters in Washington.

Two of the 12 area offices are in Oklahoma.

Two streamlining plans on the table would consolidate those into one. A third plan would leave Oklahoma tribes served by an area office in Nashville, and a fourth plan would eliminate all area offices.

BIA officials had until Feb. 28 to present their recommendations to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

They have been holding meetings around the country with Indian leaders. The ninth such meeting was in downtown Oklahoma City.

Depute BIA Commissioner Hilda Manuel urged consensus, warning that change will come with or without it.

"I do believe if we don't develop a viable plan, the decision will be made for us, and I don't want to let that happen," she said.

Before the meeting, leaders of tribes served by the two Oklahoma area offices held a caucus and voted 25-0 for a position paper advocating Oklahoma become part of a South-Central region that also would include Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Texas. Two representatives from tribes in Kansas and Texas abstained.

"We're not saying for other tribes in the U.S., 'this is what your region should look like.' We're saying, 'this is what we want our region to look like,'" explained Elmer Manatowa, principal chief of the Sac and Fox Nation.

The regional office would be somewhere in Oklahoma, according to the position paper.

"The tribes are not advocating regionalizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs area offices," the paper said. "However, if this is to occur, we believe it is essential that there be a re-

gional office located in Oklahoma."

In support of an Oklahoma area office, the position paper points out that of the South-Central states, Oklahoma has the largest Indian population at 278,600, which is 23.5 percent of the total Indian population in the country.

Oklahoma also has 32 tribes, compared to four for Kansas, three each for Louisiana and Texas and one for Missouri.

### Tonkawa government seizure voided

Magistrate Charles H. Tripp of the Court of Indian Offenses issued an order Jan. 11 declaring tribal member Richard Cornell's seizure of the Tonkawa tribal government last month to be in violation of the Court's previous orders, and declaring Cornell's actions as president to be of no legal force or effect. Magistrate Tripp also issued a writ of assistance to the BIA law enforcement officers and tribal police, directing them to aid in the restoration of operations of the Tonkawa tribal government under President Virginia Combrink.

Magistrate Tripp's order reinstalled not only Combrink as president, but all officers and employees in the employ of the Tonkawa Tribe as of December 2, 1994, including Melvin Allen, Sr. as vice president and Kristy Alexander as secretary-treasurer.

### Seminoles pursuing Florida project

(From *Cokv Tol Vme*, Seminole Nation, December 1994) — Council members passed a resolution in December that allows the tribe to pursue a development project in Florida. The development is the largest economic development project ever proposed by the tribe.

The council voted 18 for, 2 against with 7 abstaining on the \$200 million project. The plan now will go to the Seminole Nation Development Authority (SNDA) to negotiate a gaming and management contract and appropriate contractual agreement with a potential developer.

A crucial step toward implementing the resort is placing the 1,500 acre site in trust with the Department of Interior. According to Bureau of Indian Affairs Superinten-

Arkansas has none.

But after adopting their position paper, the tribal leaders were caught by surprise when the BIA's Deborah Maddox outlined the fourth option, calling for no area offices at all.

Tribal leaders said that option was not included in pre-meeting information they received. They held a second caucus, where they approved an addendum, reserving the

right to examine the no-area-offices option more fully and comment later.

The position paper and comments made it clear the tribes weren't happy with the hurry-up way the BIA reorganization is advancing, and there were questions whether Indian programs should be streamlined.

"The tribes here in Oklahoma feel like the land and all

the suffering that our people went through, we're still owed for that," said Gary McAdams, president of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. "We feel like the land, the great country that we ceded is still giving and producing, probably more now than it did when we gave it up."

"Until that land begins to produce less, we don't feel like we should be subjected to any budget reductions," he said.

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## SWOSU Young Scholars program accepting summer applications

The Department of Mathematics at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) has announced a Young Scholars Program June 12-July 14, at the SWOSU campus in Weatherford, Oklahoma. This program is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Its purpose is to foster greater interest in mathematics and science studies and related careers. Students will learn a variety of interesting mathematics topics not normally covered in high school and will learn to use many powerful computer software packages as tools in exploring mathematical concepts and applications. All campus facilities will be available to participants and an exciting variety of extra curricular activities are planned.

The program is open to a maximum of 36 high school students who have completed at least Algebra I and will be entering grade 10, 11, or 12 in the fall semester, 1995. Women, minorities, and students from school districts with limited math offerings are strongly encouraged to apply.

The only cost is incidental personal expenses and travel to and from home. All tuition, supplies, lodging and on-campus meals are provided by SWOSU and the NSF.

For application materials, write or call either the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Higher Education Office, 1901 South Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801, 1-800-880-9880 or (405) 275-3121 or Dr. John Woods, Chairman, Mathematics Department, SWOSU, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096, (405) 774-3748 or (405) 774-3038.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Yes, it's that time of year again — time for spring cleaning, that once a year traditional event that everyone seems to do.

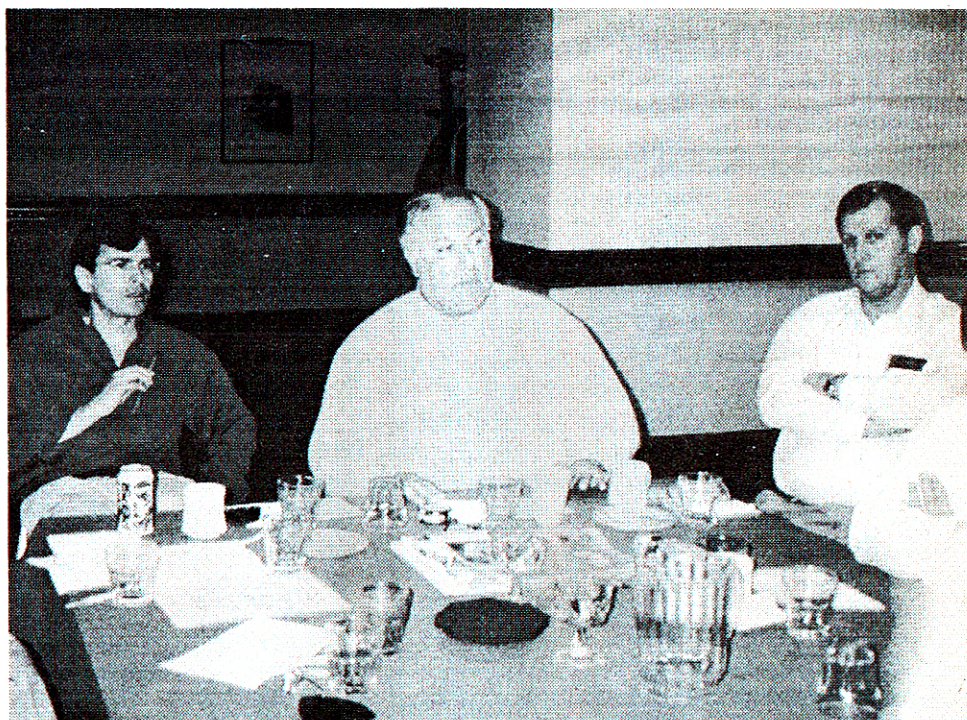
Spring cleaning isn't the most enjoyable task, but it is certainly a beneficial one. Many times we only think of cleaning out the compartments inside or outside our homes. I believe taking an inventory of our personal lives is necessary too. Remove the extra "baggage" that has gathered in our personal compartments since the last cleaning. Remove the "stuff" that

prevents you from being your best!

You feel a sense of pride and accomplishment when your spring cleaning is done. Let me encourage you today as you begin this summer season, remove the old unwanted "things" in your life and bring out the new!

And remember, to have a friend is to be one!

*"Thought for Today" is provided by Steve Kime, tribal member, author and professional speaker from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.*



## Planning Ahead

First Oklahoma Bank directors and officers recently participated in a strategic planning session conducted by E. Wilson Roberts (left) of Premier Financial Group. The session was held Jan. 6 and 7 at the Marriott in Oklahoma City. Pictured above are J.D. Colbert, John A. Barrett and Jim Hayden. Others participating were bank president Larry Briggs and board members Linda Capps, Hilton Melot, Jerry O'Connor and John Robinson.